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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Advisory Group Members

SUBJECT : Minutes of the 5 October 1976 Executive
Advisory Group Meeting

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1. In Mr. Knoche's absence, the Secretary chaired the EAG meeting which was devoted to discussion of a memorandum from Mr. Knoche on the general subject of managing the various approaches being made to the Agency by staff of the Senate Select Committee and other elements of Congress. Mr. Waller also attended this meeting.

2. Mr. Cary reviewed for members recent developments in the legislative relations area, and explained how OLC staff functions with particular attention to the responsibilities of various professional staff members. He emphasized that while there had been a belief earlier this year that Congressional relations would return to normal after the end of the House and Senate investigations this does not now seem to be the case. Although the tone of the Senate Select Committee's oversight activities is greatly improved and much more cooperative relations exist, the number of requests for briefings and reviews of various aspects of our business have not in fact diminished much. In addition, if the House organizes a Select Committee next year, we can expect to see a further increase in this activity.

3. Following a general discussion of various Congressional relationship problems and the need to reconstitute an effective "review staff" mechanism, Mr. Cary circulated a proposed notice (EAG 11) from the Director to Agency employees outlining new procedures for coordination of Congressional activities. This draft notice will be discussed at the EAG meeting scheduled for 19 October 1976.

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